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FIG. 6e is a cross-sectional view illustrating two molded fiber optic ferrules of FIGS. 6a and 6b;

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FIG. 6e is a cross-sectional view illustrating two molded fiber optic ferrules of FIGS. 6a and 6b illustrating fiber-to-fiber contact between opposing optical fibers. Each ferrule has at least one optical fiber 46 extending from a bumper 44, and each ferrule has a molded geometric reference feature 48.